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**Programming and Allocations Committee
June 14, 2006
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. Committee members in attendance were Chair Haggerty, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Ammiano, Dodd, Kinsey, Sartipi, Tissier, Young, Rubin, McLemore, Giacomini, Torliatt, and Lempert.

Public Hearing

Raymond Odunlami and *Ashley Nguyen* presented the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2007 TIP.

There were two public speakers that gave comment on the hearing.

Jerry Grace, an Oakland resident, would like to see more people using public transit to help the environment.

Andy Katz, of Breathe California, is interested in seeing some analysis of cumulative effects of air pollution related to specific projects proposed for inclusion in the 2007 TIP and an evaluation of the effects of programming the projects. Mr. Katz stated that he noticed an increase in the streamlined process for TCM substitutions that MTC is about to adopt and would like a full public discussion about these changes. He also noted that the TIP indicates \$6 million that are unallocated for CMAQ funds and expressed an interest in the public process for deciding how the \$6 million is allocated to improve air quality.

There were no other public speakers and a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Consent Calendar

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting as submitted.

The committee voted unanimously to refer the following resolutions to the full Commission for adoption.

- Allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to County Auditors for TDA administration and to MTC for TDA administration and planning purposes. MTC Resolution No. 3753.
- Allocation of FY 2005-06 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to the San Francisco Municipal Railway. MTC Resolution No. 3701, Revised.
- FY 2006-07 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary Program. MTC Resolution No. 3761, Revised.

BART \$60 Million Cash Flow Loan

Francis Chin reported that the Commissioners met in closed session to review the matter of the MTC bridge toll loan to BART to help complete the SFO Airport extension project.

The committee voted unanimously to refer the following resolutions to the full Commission for adoption.

- Approve the revised agreement between BART and MTC for the \$60 Million Cash Flow Loan, embodied in MTC Resolution No. 3767.
- Approve the programming and allocations to BART of AB664 Bridge Tolls and STA funding. MTC Resolution Nos. 3742, Revised, 3743, Revised, and 3701, Revised.

Steve Heminger, Executive Director stated for the record that the written materials for the item were distributed at the meeting, and also would be available on the web for the public.

Commissioner Haggerty commended MTC staff as well as Commissioners McLemore, Rubin, Haggerty and DeSaulnier for their work on this item.

Jerry Grace, was curious to know how many additional riders use BART while the Bay Bridge was closed for construction.

State Programming

The committee voted unanimously to refer the following resolution to the full Commission for adoption.

- Allocation of FY 2006-07 Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to various claimants in the region. MTC Resolution Nos. 3750, 3751, and 3752.

Alix Bockelman reported on the operators requesting allocations for the month of June. In addition to the allocations to nine transit operators, MTC requested an allocation of \$5 million in STA funds for TransLink®. The total allocation request for approval for the month of June is \$170 million, and the fund sources included are TDA, STA and AB1107 funds - some

allocations under \$1 million will be approved under the Delegated Authority to the Executive Director. Two areas related to these allocation requests were discussed. First, MTC staff anticipates amending the Fund Estimate in July, for around \$30 million in additional revenues region wide on the sales tax side. With the proposed state budget changes there could also be a significant infusion of STA funds that would be available to the operators and would more than double what was in the approved fund estimate in February. Second, MTC has continued to offer flexibility in the Transit Capital Program, funded through the FTA, to assist operators in economic recovery for the 2006-07 year. Roughly \$66 million is being requested through that program for preventive maintenance, which offsets operating costs.

Commissioner Tissier asked why Samtrans was not on the list of operators requesting allocations. *Alix* stated that many operators are submitting allocation requests in July or in subsequent months.

Regional Programming

The committee voted unanimously to refer the following resolution to the full Commission for adoption.

- STP Exchange Reimbursement Program Revision. MTC Resolution No. 3018, Revised.

Ross McKeown, reported that \$1.6 million in STP was programmed towards the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System study and another \$250,000 in STP exchange funds to match the federal funds. MTC has recently learned from FHWA that the project is not eligible for federal funds. As a result, MTC is seeking to use STP exchange funds for the entire project cost of \$1.85 million. Unfortunately, the STP exchange program is fully exhausted with this proposal so as part of the action MTC suggests rescinding \$350,000 of STP exchange funds that have been provided to the TransLink® project. The net result will be \$8.3 million for the TransLink® project and \$1.85 million for the Suicide Barrier study provided through the STP exchange fund program. Staff indicated that the TransLink® program has other sources of funding to make up the shortfall.

Jerry Grace, mentioned that the suicide barrier is a very important project and is appreciative of MTC's efforts.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Report

Alix Bockelman reported on the June CTC meeting in Sacramento stating that the region received allocations totaling \$55 million for three critical projects; 1.) San Mateo, 101 Auxiliary Lane project, 2.) Santa Clara, 152 and 156 Interchange project, and 3.) operational improvements in Petaluma along 101. For FY 2005-06 the CTC has allocated over \$4 billion.

Commissioner Lempert thanked Alix and Commissioner Sartipi for their hard work. She stated that the 101 Auxiliary Lane is a very important project for San Mateo County.

Public Comment

Jerry Grace, commented on the May Commission Workshop that took place at Half Moon Bay.

Steve Tyson, noted that he was the one who replace the stands on the flags in the auditorium.